(c) and (d) In the States of Assam, Meghalaya, Nagaland and Tripura where separate laws have been enacted, the Indian Forests Act (Act 16 of 1927) is not applicable. Shifting Cultivation is governed by separate local rules and regulations. The Forest (Conservation) Act of 1980 under which prior approval of the Central Government is needed for diversion of forest land to non-forest use is applicable to and effective in the States and Union Territories of the North-Eastern Region.

Destabilisation of third world nations

941. SHRI DINKARRAO GOVINDRAO PATIL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Gen. Vernon Walters (Retd.) has formed an international terrorists organisation including Sikh World Organisation estabilise the democratic socialistic nations of the third world countries; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise

Setting up of Central Administrative Tribunal

942. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Quesion 1269 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 28th March, 1985 and state:

(a) whether the Central Administrative Tribunal has since been set up: and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING, ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS AND PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSION AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) A notification under section 4(1) of the Administrative Tribunals Act, 1985 establishing the Central Administrative Tribunal with effect from 2nd September, 1985 has been issued. The Central Administrative Tribunal with a Principal Bench and additional Benches is expected to start functioning from that date.

(b) The Principal Bench of the Central Administrative Tribunal will be located at New Delhi. Efforts are being made to locate Additional Benches of the Tribunal at Bombay, Calcutta, Madras, Bangalore, Nagpur, Allahabad and Gauhati.

Political parties in league with tribal National Volunteers

943. SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the national and regional political parties who are in league with the Tribal National Volunteers in Tripura; and

(b) what is the report of the State Home Department of Tripura in this regard?

THE MINISTRY OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA): (a) and (b) No report of any national or regional political party being in league with the Tribal National Volunteers in Tripura has come to notice.

Steps to increase the efficiency of regional passport offices

944. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state what measures Government propose to take to increase the efficiency of the regional passport offices and to minimise red-tapism in the issuance of passports during the current year?